Express Mail EV 337812178 US

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006, OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449/PTO	Complete if Known		
	Application Number	10/766,422	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE	Filing Date	1/27/04	
	First Named Inventor	Curtis A. Trudeau	
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	Art Unit	3616	
(Use as many sheets as necessary)	Examiner Name		
neet 1 of 1	Attorney Docket Number	56466.85051-001	

			U. S. PATENT	DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number Number-Kind Code ^{2 (f known)}	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
Dв		^{US-} 6,098,996	08/08/2000	Perlot	
DB		^{US-} 5,229,829	07/20/1993	Nihei et al	
PB		US- 4,923,210	05/08/1990	Heider et al	
DB		^{US-} 4,733,876	03/29/1988	Heider et al	
DB		^{US-} 4,641,843	02/10/1987	Morrisroe, Jr.	
DB		^{US-} 3,917,307	11/04/1975	Shoebridge	
DB		^{US-} 3,836,161	09/17/1974	Buhl	
		US-			<u> </u>
		US-			
		US-			
		US-	<u> </u>		
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages	Π	
		Country Code ³ "Number ⁴ "Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY		Or Relevant Figures Appear	T	
		·					
	<u> </u>						
	L					L	
						Γ	

Examiner Signature	Subjection	Date Considered	3/14/06

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

C

1 0 2004

Sheet

PTO/SB/08A (08-03) Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

e Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

ubstitute for form 1449/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known				
Application Number	10/766,422			
Filing Date	January 27, 2004			
First Named Inventor	Curtis A. Trudeau			
Art Unit	3616			
Examiner Name				
Attorney Docket Number	56466.85051-001			

			U. S. PATEN	DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (* Innove)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
DB		US- 6,098,995	08-08-2000	Danis	
	<u> </u>	US-			
		US-			,
		US-			
		US-			
	<u> </u>	US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			·
		US-			
	1	US-		•	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages		
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁶ (if known)	MM-OD-YYYY		Or Relevant Figures Appear	T⁵	
	 					-	
				.=		┢	
_					T		

Examiner	Date	
Signature		2/14/nL
Oignotti O	Considered	שטודיונ

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. *Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). *See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. *Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). *For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. *Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. *Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Traisation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.